

Amendment No. 1 to SB2408

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Volunteers Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A full-time state employee shall be granted leave from work with pay for a period not to exceed one (1) regularly scheduled work day each year to participate in community service. Such day shall be used in the calendar year in which the day is granted and shall not be carried over from year to year. Prior to being granted leave pursuant to this section, the employee shall submit a written request to the employee's employing agency for approval. Any leave granted under this section shall not affect the employee's annual, compensatory, or sick leave.

(b) When a request for community service leave is received by the employing agency, the request shall be approved unless granting the employee the one (1) day of community service will impose an unreasonable burden on the ability of the agency to provide services of acceptable quality and quantity to the public.

(c) Volunteer Tennessee shall:

(1) Provide a list of approved community service projects to be posted on the web site of the department of finance and administration; and

(2) Be responsible for verifying a leave request submitted by an employee pursuant to subsection (a) for a community service project that is not

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on the list pursuant to subdivision (c)(1) is consistent with the goals, objectives, programs, responsibilities, and functions of Volunteer Tennessee as provided in Executive Order No. 42 of 2006.

(d) The department of human resources is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.